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To: The Federal Communications Commission

RE: Comment on Petition for Rule Making, RM-11306.

Dear FCC:

I fully support RM-11306. Advances are continually being made in digital technology every. Comparatively, little digital development is coming from the United States. We need to insure that the Amateur service in the US is given every opportunity to experiment and contribute to the radio art.

Current regulatory band segmentation-by-mode restrictions at a Federal level have left little room for advancement of the "radio art" and emergency communications per Part 97.1. Relaxing such regulation to possibly include band segmentation by bandwidth, while maintaining proper abuse control, will provide an opportunity for such advancement. The Amateur community may then properly deploy a voluntary plan for the specifics. The ARRL is the obvious choice to provide such a plan, which will allow the flexibility for growth or shrinkage of these specific segments as their popularity changes.

For the changes recommended by RM-11306, there will never be consensus in the amateur community. The status quo does not push for change or advancement. RM-11306 is a compromise between the status quo and future users of the Amateur service. The ARRL has done a remarkable job balancing current needs while providing an excellent opportunity for further advancements, and their proposal should be accepted.

In reviewing many of the comments regarding "ROBOTS," which refer to Part 97.221 and stations under "automatic control" and "local or remote control," I see that those using the term "ROBOTS" have been reading the major Internet reflectors, where the term was adopted some time ago. These reflectors rely on using emotional "scare" tactics to promoting the demise of "ROBOTS." Because few understand the issues by experience, the information presented on these reflectors is OBVIOUSLY effective, but most inaccurate, with little accurate technical basis.

Band segmentation by bandwidth and the deletion of Part 97.221(c) are critical to the future of the Amateur Service.

Respectfully submitted,

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